

My name is Kellie Goodwin McBride. I am the Executive Director of the YWCA of Helena and I am here to speak in support of HB 384 to raise Montana's minimum wage a buck a year for two years.

I am fortunate to work for an agency that helps 26 women and their children, if they have children, transition from homelessness to permanent housing they can sustain. This is the core of our work. We serve women of all ages, with an average age last year of 33.

Can you imagine the frustration a woman experiences when, if she is lucky enough to secure 40 hours a week of work at \$7.90/hour, she realizes that close 50% or more of her take-home pay will need to go toward rent? Fair Market Rent for a studio apartment in Lewis & Clark County is \$578 per month, in Broadwater County \$585, and in Jefferson County \$598 per month. Her take home pay, at today's minimum wage, is approximately \$1,100. This is not a living wage. After paying for her rent, food, transportation, and utilities, she has not extra monies to put into savings or to put into our economy. She is literally one check away from homelessness. Again.

Montana can and should do better. By investing in our work force, by investing in our people, we invest in our communities. It is painful to watch a woman at the YWCA go from cautiously hopeful at the thought of a real home – at the thought of a sustainable future, to hopelessness and the fear of being homeless once again.

On behalf of the YWCA of Helena, I ask you to please vote in support of HB 384 to raise Montana's minimum wage \$1.00 a year for the next two years. Your "yes" vote is a vote in support of your constituents.



FY 2015 FAIR MARKET RENT DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM

The Final FY 2015 Lewis and Clark County FMRs for All Bedroom Sizes

The following table shows the Final FY 2015 FMRs by unit bedrooms for **Lewis and Clark County, Montana**.

Final FY 2015 FMRs By Unit Bedrooms				
<u>Efficiency</u>	<u>One-Bedroom</u>	<u>Two-Bedroom</u>	<u>Three-Bedroom</u>	<u>Four-Bedroom</u>
\$578	\$582	\$785	\$1,060	\$1,258

[Click Here for FY2014 FMRs](#)

FY 2015 FMR areas continue to use the revised Office of Management and Budget (OMB) area definitions that were first issued in 2003 along with HUD Defined Metropolitan Areas (HMFAs) as described in the FY2011 FMR documentation, which can be found at ([Lewis and Clark County FY2011 FMR Documentation system](#)). Although OMB issued new Metropolitan area definitions in February 2013, the Census Bureau did not incorporate these definitions into the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS) data. No changes have been made to these OMB-defined areas since the publication of Final FY2011 FMRs.

Lewis and Clark County is a non-metropolitan county.

Fair Market Rent Calculation Methodology

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Fair Market Rents for metropolitan areas and non-metropolitan FMR areas are developed as follows:

1. 2008-2012 5-year American Community Survey (ACS) estimates of 2-bedroom adjusted standard quality gross rents calculated for each FMR area are used as the new basis for FY2015.

In areas where the 2008-2012 5-year ACS 2-bedroom adjusted standard quality gross rent estimate is less than its respective margin of error, the state non-metro estimate of 2-bedroom adjusted standard quality gross rent is used.



FY 2015 FAIR MARKET RENT DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM

The Final FY 2015 Broadwater County FMRs for All Bedroom Sizes

The following table shows the Final FY 2015 FMRs by unit bedrooms for
Broadwater County, Montana.

Final FY 2015 FMRs By Unit Bedrooms				
Efficiency	One-Bedroom	Two-Bedroom	Three-Bedroom	Four-Bedroom
\$585	\$592	\$801	\$998	\$1,270

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FY 2015 FAIR MARKET RENT DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM

The Final FY 2015 Jefferson County FMRs for All Bedroom Sizes

The following table shows the Final FY 2015 FMRs by unit bedrooms for
Jefferson County, Montana.

Final FY 2015 FMRs By Unit Bedrooms				
<u>Efficiency</u>	<u>One-Bedroom</u>	<u>Two-Bedroom</u>	<u>Three-Bedroom</u>	<u>Four-Bedroom</u>
\$598	\$605	\$819	\$1,020	\$1,095

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FY 2015 FMR areas continue to use the revised Office of Management and Budget (OMB) area definitions that were first issued in 2003 along with HUD Defined Metropolitan Areas (HMFAs) as described in the FY2011 FMR documentation, which can be found at ([Jefferson County FY2011 FMR Documentation system](#)). Although OMB issued new Metropolitan area definitions in [February 2013](#), the Census Bureau [did not incorporate these definitions](#) into the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS) data. No changes have been made to these OMB-defined areas since the publication of Final FY2011 FMRs.

Jefferson County is a non-metropolitan county.

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